“Safety is to comprise your mind, body & spirit. Hopefully this will contribute not only to enhance safe practices at work, but also have lasting effects for family and your life at home.”

Landscaping and Recycling Safety Committee Newsletter
LANDSCAPING & RECYCLING SAFETY COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER

Back Brief Topics: Jan 2022

Old Business/New Business:
➢ The minutes were accepted by everyone.
➢ We talked over all old business.
➢ New business, I went over getting ideas for our plan for 2022.
➢ Setting up plans for a roadmap to success in dealing with the ever-changing COVID environment.

Incident Data:
➢ Bonnie explained that the Recycling-Landscaping departments had 5 accidents in 2021.
➢ Bonnie talked about the new data form she came up with and how it works.
➢ Bonnie talked about successes over shortcomings!

New Business/Around the room:
➢ Vincent Marshall talked about people parking their vehicles behind Lacey Hall, and that restricts access to Emergency Vehicles that responds to an emergency, they would not be able to get through when needed.

➢ Jonathan Racey complimented that the new cameras on their vehicles are working very good. He also wanted to bring an awareness to everyone about not taking it for granted that your workers comp details are all worked out. Be proactive and make
sure you know when you must be back at work, or you might not have a job!

➢ **Tim Spencer** wants a more heighten emphasis on defensive driving daily and during inclement weather.

➢ **Ronnie Herring** brought up a concern that snow is being piled up in front of trash dumpsters, cardboard containers, roll-offs that make it difficult for people who service these containers. Ronnie is asking about how much training does a person have to have before getting behind the wheel of a snowplow? This is a concern from the group as well and something we deal with year after year!

➢ **Nicholas Gentry** had two points he wanted to bring up. (1), During the snowstorms he noticed that younger people were driving the snowplows while the older people were shoveling snow; this is a concern for safety with him! (2), he doesn’t believe we do enough preparation for the stairs and steps before the storm, and I must strongly agree with his thought!!

➢ **Victor Martin**, the only thing that I put out is that in my travels around the University, I see a lot of people inside of their vehicles with no mask on. When there is two people inside of a vehicle, the policy states that you must wear your mask. Please follow this guideline!!

➢ **Bonnie**, wanted to recap the following topics that draw concern with her:
  - Emergency Vehicle Access-Not parking in areas of fire lanes!
  - Don’t focus always on the negative, report positive behavior as well.
  - Reporting of near misses is one of the key safety successes in FM and the University.
  - Only five accidents for 2021/Landscaping & Recycling Committee.
GENERAL SAFETY AT A GLANCE:

- Stay up to date on all the UVA policies concerning COVID-19 practices by checking your emails weekly.
- Be aware of scooters, bicyclists, and skate boarders in your blind spots.
- Keep sanitizing your hands, vehicles and wear your masks inside of buildings and when you have two people in a vehicle.
- Stay alert to road and weather changes.
- Wear your mask at all times when two people are in the vehicle.
➢ Use ground guides when backing up, especially when backing out on the road, and wear your Hi-Vis when working on or next to the road!

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FINAL THOUGHTS:

➢ Winter is here and keep a careful watch out for weather changes!
➢ Be alert, be aware, be productive, be respectful of others and most of all "Be on the watch for the unexpected."
➢ Keep reporting those near misses. The more we learn from them the more knowledgeable we all shall be!
➢ Communication is a key for success! Everyone must keep their supervisors, managers, and directors aware of changes and issues that affect completing organizational goals.
➢ Supervisors must personify the core values, honesty-integrity-loyalty-humility, and most of all compassion for others!!
➢ Don’t let your guard down because the COVID disease is still ever present in our daily lives!!
➢ Be situationally aware of the students who drive these mopeds, scooters, skateboards, and bicycles in a reckless manner!!
➢ Never take short cuts regarding safety. Follow all safety policies and guidelines, even if you don’t agree with them!

**DAILY THOUGHTS**

I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow.

Woodrow Wilson

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To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal.

- *Kalam*
Quote for the Month!

"Don't follow your dreams, chase them."

Next Committee Meeting
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